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Mr. Ugo Carusi
Chairman, Displaced Persons Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Carusi:

In compliance with your request of 28 March 1949, I am attaching brief summaries of available information on the organizations listed in your letter. These summaries are not intended to provide all relevant information, but the facts included on the history and the political objectives of each organization make quite clear their individual orientation. No judgments have been made as to whether the group "is or has been hostile to the United States or the form of government of the United States", but the facts adduced clearly single out those movements which can be so labelled.

It is definitely worth pointing out, in connection with many of the organizations listed, that a curious anomaly has developed since the end of the war. Several of these organizations (for example, the Melnik and Bandera groups and the Lithuanian Partisans) sided with the Germans during the war not on the basis of a pro-German or pro-fascist orientation, but from a strong anti-Soviet bias. In many cases their motivation was primarily nationalistic and patriotic with their espousal of the German cause determined by their national interests. Since the end of the war, of course, these opportunistically pro-German groups remain strongly anti-Soviet and, accordingly, find a common ground with new partners. The position of similar groups with a highly fascist, rather than middle-of-the-road, political program presents an even more subtle problem. They similarly array themselves on the anti-Soviet side, but the degree or nature of their actual hostility to the United States or its form of government will continually vary with conditions in their own country and with the changing international situation.

I should be more than happy to supply additional data on any of the organizations you have listed or on any additional ones upon which you would like to have relevant data. Do feel free to call upon me for any additional information you may require.

Sincerely yours,

Stamped & dispatched 7 Apr 49

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